# NASA SBIR/STTR Technologies

Outlet

H2.01-9033 - A Reliable, Efficient Cryogenic Propellant Mixing Pump With No Moving Parts



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## Identification and Significance of Innovation

A reliable, efficient, compact propellant mixing pump for cryogenic fluid management applications

- Prevent thermal stratification to control propellant storage pressure

Innovative operating mechanism to enable reliable operation at cryogenic temperatures

Eliminate mechanical pistons or impellers

- No mechanical wear and vibration

No pump cavitation problem; self-priming

High pumping performance

Estimated TRL at beginning and end of contract: (Begin: 3 End: 4)

### Technical Objectives and Work Plan

PHASE I RESULTS

Successfully demonstrated operation with two-phase refrigerant

- Pressure rise: > 1 psi
- Volumetric efficiency:~ 50%

Prototype cryogenic pump design

#### PHASE II TECHNICAL OBJECTIVES

Reliable, efficient operation with two-phase cryogen High pumping performance Lightweight and compact High fidelity pump analysis model

#### PHASE II WORK PLAN

Develop key components Fabricate and test a pump with refrigerant at room temperature Design and assemble a cryogenic pump

- Flow rate: 8 gpm (0.5 L/s) Pressure rise: 0.7 psid at P = 20 psia
  - Higher pressure rise is very easy to achieve
- Power dissipated at cryogenic temperature: 5.7 W
  - Efficiency: 45%

Required net positive suction head: none

Mass: 3 kg: Volume: 100 inch 4 in. 15 in. Propellant Inlet

### NASA Applications

Zero Boil-Off storage of cryogens

Short-term vented cryogen storage

Low-G reliable compression mass gauge

### Non-NASA Applications

General cryogenic fluid management and transfer

Two-phase thermal management systems for military and commercial high power electronics systems

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